

Senate Resolution 105 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SCHNEIDER

1 A Resolution to declare March 11, 2016, as
2 Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Day.

3 WHEREAS, Fibromuscular Dysplasia (FMD) is a disease
4 that causes abnormal cell growth of the arterial wall
5 leading to areas of narrowing, beading, aneurysms, and
6 tears of the arterial wall; and

7 WHEREAS, although FMD was first diagnosed in 1938,
8 until recently there has been very little progress in
9 understanding the disease, there is no known cause or
10 cure for the disease, and there are no set protocols
11 to treat the disease; and

12 WHEREAS, even though FMD has always been considered
13 and is still classified as a rare disease, many
14 researchers now believe FMD to be underdiagnosed
15 with some data suggesting that 4 to 5 percent of the
16 population may be affected by the disease; and

17 WHEREAS, while men and children may also have
18 FMD, 90 percent of the patients affected by FMD are
19 women; and

20 WHEREAS, although there are several different
21 classifications of FMD, the two most common types are
22 medial fibroplasia and intimal fibroplasia, with some
23 patients presenting with both types of the disease, and
24 different populations being diagnosed with different
25 types of the disease; and

26 WHEREAS, unlike the adult population, children tend
27 to be diagnosed with intimal fibroplasia, which can be
28 more aggressive; and

1 WHEREAS, FMD may often go undetected since some
2 patients with FMD present with symptoms common to
3 other disorders such as hypertension, headaches, and
4 dizziness; others present with transient ischemic
5 attack (TIA) or stroke, tearing of an artery, aneurysm,
6 swooshing noise in the ear, and renal infarction;
7 children may present with basic symptoms such as high
8 blood pressure, headaches, insomnia, fatigue, and
9 abdominal pain; and others may be asymptomatic; and

10 WHEREAS, those with FMD may have difficulty in
11 obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis with the
12 common delay from onset of symptoms to diagnosis being
13 five years, or may be misdiagnosed leading to severe
14 consequences and disability; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to a lack of diagnosis or
16 misdiagnosis, individuals and families affected by
17 FMD often experience isolation, the lack of optimal
18 treatment options, and inaccuracy of information about
19 the disease which, prior to the release of the newest
20 data, inaccurately indicated that 75 percent of FMD
21 cases affected the renal arteries; and

22 WHEREAS, while many rare diseases are relatively
23 well-known, FMD is not well-known by the public or
24 medical community resulting in patients and their
25 families bearing a large share of the burden for
26 educating others, including their own physicians, and
27 raising funds for awareness and research; and

28 WHEREAS, the Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society
29 of America (FMDSA) was founded on March 11, 2003,
30 and, over the past 13 years, has been active and

1 successful on many fronts including increasing public
2 and physician awareness, providing patient support,
3 engaging and working with researchers from around the
4 world, and providing funding for the United States
5 registry for FMD; and

6 WHEREAS, there is still much to be accomplished
7 to increase awareness and encourage research of the
8 disease; and

9 WHEREAS, the FMDSA is organizing a global observance
10 of FMD, and during the month of March each year,
11 patients, medical professionals, and researchers in
12 various locations join together to focus attention on
13 FMD as a public health issue; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That March 11, 2016,
15 be declared Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Day in
16 the State of Iowa.